

Fr. William B. Wasson, founder of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"), believed in raising children to be responsible and share with others. As a result, all of the NPH homes assist people in their communities in a variety of ways. Whether it be responding to a natural disaster or local crisis, or partnering with national child welfare agencies, saving children and their families takes the combined resources of NPH and our partner organizations. Together, we implement the best care practices and customize our services to meet the needs of the surrounding area while ensuring that we adhere to local legal, ethical and cultural standards. By uniting international and local efforts, we are able to achieve meaningful progress in the community.

Country Realities

According to various reports of the countries where NPH works:

- BOLIVIA: The legal working age is 10 years old and 850,000 to 1 million children work.
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: One out of four people do not have access to clean water.
- EL SALVADOR: 70% of children aged 16 and 17 do not have access to secondary education.
- GUATEMALA: Nearly 60% of people live below the poverty line.
- HAITI: More than 65% of the labor force do not have formal jobs.
- HONDURAS: Has high poverty and school dropout rates.
- MEXICO: Over 30,000 children participate in gangs, which offer false impressions of a family, income and protection to those who have none.
- NICARAGUA: Violent civil unrest has continued since April 2018.
- PERU: The risk of major infectious diseases is very high.



Making an Impact

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) means "Our Little Brothers and Sisters" in Spanish. Founded in 1954 by Father William Wasson, NPH has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of the most vulnerable children and young adults, providing a nurturing family environment, education, health care, and vocational and life skills training.

NPH USA helps children in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru achieve their full potential, becoming productive, caring leaders in their communities and breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

NPH also fills a vital, lifesaving role with its operation of St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, the only hospital wholly dedicated to pediatric and high-risk maternity care in Haiti, and the only Haitian hospital equipped to provide pediatric oncology care.

Sources: The CIA World Factbook, The World Bank, and UNICEF

NPH Community Outreach Programs

NPH's community outreach programs vary by country, but typically include scholarships for local students to both NPH and non-NPH schools, health services, donations of food and supplies, social services, and support for Hermanos Mayores ("older siblings") who grew up at the NPH home. Some NPH homes have specialized programs, including those highlighted below.

82,826 services provided in 2024

Dominican Republic



Temporary home for at-risk children



Support for people with special needs



Surgery center (partner: One World Surgery)

El Salvador



Daycare center

Guatemala



Daycare center



Family center for health, education, and more

Haiti



St. Damien Pediatric Hospital



Outpatient rehabilitation centers

Honduras



Daycare center



Family center for health, education, and more



Surgery center (partner: One World Surgery)

Nicaragua



Assistance for children with disabilities and their families

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